

FORT GREGG TAKEN.

LAST BULWARK OF THE JHONNIES.

Splendid Work of the Gallant Twelfth Heroic Deeds of Curtis' Braves—"Who will Volunteer to Plant the Flag on the Parapet?"—I'll do it or Die."

S the Ro-
union of the
Army of the
Society of
West Virginia is drawing near, and they areboys in blue or the old red, they are
now called, would be fighting their battles
over again, I thought perhaps a commandant
from one of the Twelfth West Virginian
Infantry might interest some of your
readers, and we will present to them the
closing scenes as we saw it. On the 20th
of December, 1861, while on duty at
Stephenson's Depot, we received orders to

proceed at once to the Army of the James,

on the north side of the James River, in

front of Richmon

d, under the command

of Gen. J. W. Biddle, who was soon

after promoted to Major General.

The Twelfth was com-

manded by Col. M. C.

Caldwell, adjutant, and

Major General, and

Lieut. Col. J. M. Gil-

berson, quartermaster

captain. Twenty-fourth army corps.

Capt. Caldwell said to his men, "I am

in command of the brigade, Gen. John

Turner was our division commander, and

Gen. Jas. Gibbons in the ser-

vice, was our corps commander.

During this winter and spring we did

not much in front of Richmon

d, at the same time Gen. Sherman was marching

through Georgia.

The Georgia troops

being in front, made us become

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